

REMARKSINTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, new claims 43-65 have added in order to reintroduce claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 15, and 19-36, cancelled by the Examiner without authorization for being drawn to a non-elected invention. However, since these cancelled claims depended from allowed claims, applicants are allowed to maintain the claims in the instant application. MPEP 809. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry of the foregoing new claims are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the reintroduction of claims 43-65 does not involve a reopening of prosecution and is therefore appropriate for approval and entry in an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. MPEP 714.16.

Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 12-14, 16-18, and 37-65 are pending and under consideration.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any additional fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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